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SINCE PREPARATION OF REFTTEL THERE HAVE BEEN NO CONCRETE DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING RELATIONS BETWEEN FRANCE AND CHAD. CHADIANS SEEM TO BE AWAITING GOF REACTION TO DECISION ANNOUNCED SEPTEMBER 27 DEMANDING REMOVAL OF FRENCH BASE WITHIN ONE MONTH. GOC MEANWHILE HAS BEEN PUTTING OUT LINE (RADIO, PRESS AND MEETINGS WITH INTERESTED PARTIES) EXPLAINING AND JUSTIFYING EXPULSION OF MILITARY BUT MAKING CLEAR DISTINCTION BETWEEN MILITARY AND OTHER FRENCH CITIZENS WORKING IN CHAD. FOR EXAMPLE, MINISTER OF EDUCATION CONVENED GROUP OF FRENCH AND CHADIAN UNIVERSITY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS TO TELL THEM THAT THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE BASE DOES NOT IN ANY WAY AFFECT "OUR FRIENDS", THE COOPERANTS AND OTHER ADVISORS, WHO ARE WELCOME IN CHAD. THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO ATTEMPTED TO REASSURE CHADIANS THAT DEPARTURE OF BASE WILL NOT MEAN ANY SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC LOSS TO THE COUNTRY.

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